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Poloff delivered reftel demarche soliciting support for U.S. candidate Dinah Shelton for the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights at the OAS to Director of Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jose Lorenzana, on March 130. Lorenzana acknowledged that the U.S. Mission to the OAS had already approached him as had the Argentines, Colombians and Mexicans for their respective candidates. Lorenzana stated he would ask his superiors and get back with information regarding Honduran support for Shelton after the upcoming Holy Week (April 6 to 12). Post will continue to follow-up on Shelton's candidacy with the MFA. LLORENS